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1. [ ] After conversation with [ ]  
[ ] OPPB, I told Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee  
staff, that the item on [ ] details listed in the military  
justification paper which he mentioned on Tuesday is in error. The  
correct number for FY 1972 is [ ] not including the DDCI who is a  
Presidential appointee. I told Mr. Preston that in any event we do  
not want the item published if it can be avoided. He thanked me for  
the advice.

2. [ ] Talked to [ ] General  
Counsel, NSA, who told me that Admiral Gayler, Director, NSA, met  
with Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, House  
Post Office and Civil Service Committee, this morning and found him  
apparently receptive. Chairman Hanley accepted an invitation to NSA  
probably after he returns from a trip out of the country which will take  
him away from Washington from 23 April to 3 May. [ ] told  
me that he learned separately that Chairman Hanley intends at this  
time to schedule hearings on "Ervin bill legislation" starting around  
11 May and running through 30 May. I thanked [ ] for the  
information.

3. [ ] Following up on my conversation with  
Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations,  
I called Jack Leahy, of Abshire's office, to say that we were considering  
a response to Senator McGovern's inquiry about U.S. knowledge of and  
involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia, and would like to coordinate  
our action with whatever action the Department is taking in response to a  
similar inquiry to them. Leahy said he was unaware of the McGovern  
letter but would look into it and let us know how they plan to handle it.

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25X1 1. [ ] David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to apologize for not having moved faster to set up a meeting with Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, regarding our Radios. He explained his office had been completely tied up in the refugee problem stirred up by Representative Paul McCloskey, but he would move as soon as possible, and agreed to try to set up a meeting for Friday, 23 April.

In response to my question about how State was handling Senator McGovern's letter to State and CIA about the U.S. involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia, Mr. Abshire said that he was not up on this and Mr. Jack Leahy, of his office, was handling it and would get in touch with me.

Later in the morning, Mr. Abshire's secretary called to say that the meeting with Chairman Mahon had been set for 10:00 on Friday, 23 April 1971. Mr. Cord Meyer, who will accompany Mr. Abshire and me, has been notified.

25X1 2. [ ] Called Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to say that unfortunately we were afraid we couldn't respond to the request of Senator Frank Church's Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs by bringing [ ] to appear before the Subcommittee. I said as an alternative we would like to get their questions which we could pass on to [ ] and get his response which could be cranked into the Director's briefing. I said Milton Brown and I would like to meet with Holt in the next day or two to get these questions and review just what it is the Subcommittee is interested in. We agreed on 10:30 Monday, 26 April for this purpose. I confirmed that the Director would be available to appear before the Subcommittee on Wednesday, 5 May at 10:00 a.m.

25X1 3. [ ] Received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said Chairman Hebert and Representative Leslie Arends would like to meet with Agency and Defense representatives at 3:45 p.m. today to discuss "budget problems." I later received a call from Mr. Hebert's office on the same matter and said that John Clarke, D/PPB, and I would attend. See Memo for Record for details.

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25X1 9. [ ] This morning called James Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who confirmed that he had passed the above information re the new Soviet ICBM silos, renewed work on the Moscow ABM system, etc., on which he had been briefed by Mr. Duckett on 16 April, to Chairman Stennis but he had not briefed Senator Margaret Chase Smith. He suggested we arrange to brief Senator Smith directly.

25X1 10. [ ] Met with Mr. Jerome S. Adlerman, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, Senate Committee on Government Operations, who gave me a brief rundown on the Committee review of narcotics traffic in the Far East. Although they have a continuing interest, their last publication on this point is in the hearings of August 1964. I thanked Mr. Adlerman for the information.

25X1 11. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed with him some of the considerations relating to the RFE/RL appropriations problem. It is Mr. Preston's opinion that the Committee would have little difficulty with a separate appropriation to a semi-governmental organization which was formed to channel funds to activities such as RFE/RL. It is his feeling, however, that legislation establishing such an organization could well get a rough time going through the Congress and particularly the Senate at this time.

25X1A While I was with Mr. Preston, he asked if the Agency was familiar with a Marine Corps budget justification item that includes [ ]  
[ ] Bob Foster, at DOD, had called Mr. Preston for advice before releasing the justification paper. I told Mr. Preston I would check the matter and be back in touch as soon as possible. [ ] OPPB, has been advised.

25X1 12. [ ] Met with Mr. Victor Smiroldo, Acting Chief Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and delivered the Agency's response to Chairman Hanley's letter concerning upcoming hearings on the constitutional rights of Federal employees. Mr. Smiroldo advised that Representative Hanley (D., N. Y.) is not expected back before tomorrow and that our letter would be forwarded on to him at that time.

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25X1 4. [ ] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called to report on his problem with Senator Symington regarding control of sensitive material provided by the Agency.

25X1 5. [ ] Assistant Secretary of State (Congressional Relations) Abshire's office explained that he had been completely preoccupied with a flap created by Representative McCloskey's allegation regarding the U.S. role in Laos and thus had been unable to make a date for tomorrow with Chairman Mahon or Chairman Ellender.

25X1 6. [ ] Talked with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, about our problems with legislation to put the Radios under a private corporation. He saw no insurmountable objections to getting such legislation passed before the end of the fiscal year provided all concerned agree on this objective. He noted that we might have a little more time since the Defense appropriation bill probably won't pass the House until late July, and until then the Radios could be financed under a continuing resolution for the first part of July.

25X1 7. [ ] Dale Sutherland, in the office of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), called to request a map called Administrative Atlas of Communist China.

25X1 8. [ ] On Saturday morning (17 April) Dorothy Fosdick, of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called to say the Senator was returning from the West Coast that afternoon and would like a briefing on recent developments regarding Soviet weapons sometime Sunday in preparation for Armed Services Committee hearings beginning Monday when John Foster, Dr. York, Dr. Penovsky and others were scheduled to testify. Accordingly, Mr. Duckett and I met with Senator Jackson and Miss Fosdick Sunday afternoon and Mr. Duckett brought the Senator up-to-date on new Soviet ICBM silos, renewed work on the Moscow ABM system, etc. Senator Jackson said he thought we should make certain that Senators Stennis and Margaret Chase Smith, of the Armed Services Committee, also have this information.

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25X1 5. [ ] I told Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, that he might be interested in the fact Representative Paul McCloskey would be appearing on the television program "Face the Nation" this Sunday.

25X1 6. [ ] Accompanied Messrs. Carl Duckett, Brandwein, and Stevens to a briefing of Mr. James Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on the Soviet strategic defensive threat.

25X1 7. [ ] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed briefly with him present Agency thinking on physical security safeguards in the storage of classified documents. In brief, it is his feeling that present Committee procedures and facilities are adequate for the Committee's needs.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on ChiCom nuclear facilities in Szechwan; current situation in Egypt; Soviet delivery of MIG and SU-7 aircraft to Egypt; and Soviet testing of SS-NX-8.

25X1 8. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that a request is pending with Chairman Mahon for authorization for a European survey trip for Representatives Minshall (R., Ohio) and Rhodes (R., Ariz.) which would include himself and Pete Murphy. The travel is scheduled for the last week of May.

I briefed Mr. Preston on ChiCom nuclear facilities in Szechwan; current situation in Egypt; Soviet delivery of MIG and SU-7 aircraft to Egypt; and Soviet testing of SS-NX-8.

25X1 9. [ ] In response to a call from Mrs. Judy Morrison, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, delivered the transcript of the Director's testimony on Laos of October 28, 1969 to the Committee for review. The transcript was picked up in midafternoon and returned to the Agency for safekeeping.

25X1 10. [ ] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him some of the present Agency thinking on physical security safeguards in the storage of classified documents. In brief, Mr. Kuhl noted that the Committee has a chronic difficulty in that the Sergeant at Arms office has refused request for additional space for the Committee's use. Mr. Kuhl agreed that I should talk to Jim Lowenstein and offer to provide safekeeping for the various documents concerning Soviet aid to third countries which will not be in use while Mr. Lowenstein is out of the country.

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6. [ ] George Metrovich, in the office of Senator Harold E. Hughes (D., Iowa), asked who he might call regarding permission to use the softball field off Route 193 this Sunday, April 18, between the hours of 1 and 4. He explained that some 16 to 17 people will be involved, primarily staffers of the Senator's office and said they would police-up the area after they were through. I told him I would look into it and be back in touch.

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Later, based on the advice of [ ] in the office of the DDS, I told Metrovich that the gate to the field would be open from 1 to 5 and he seemed to fully appreciate the reason why we would prefer that he not publicize their use of the field.

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7. [ ] Mr. Stark, in the office of Representative John G. Schmitz (R., Calif.), called and requested a copy of the Director's speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

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8. [ ] Delivered a text of the speech the Director is to give today before the American Society of Newspaper Editors to the following offices: Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee; Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee; Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee; and also to the personal secretaries to Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.), and Senator Allen J. Ellender (D., La.), and Representatives Hebert (D., La.) and Mahon (D., Tex.).

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9. [ ] Delivered to Mr. George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, a map of certain Soviet radar installations requested by Mr. Murphy for Senator Symington (D., Mo.). After reviewing the covering letter and the map, Mr. Murphy told me that any further question by Senator Symington on this matter will be referred directly to Chairman Holifield or back to the DCI as appropriate.

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10. [ ] Accompanied Mr. William Wells, FE Division, and [ ] OCI, to a meeting with Mr. James Lowenstein and Mr. Richard Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who will be leaving Sunday on a Committee trip to Japan, Taiwan, Laos and Cambodia.

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Messrs. Wells and [ ] updated information provided by the Director in the briefing of the full Committee in March and gave a general overview of Communist China. Mr. Lowenstein also gave me a copy of his trip itinerary.

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